

House of Representatives

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General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6381 As Amended by House Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner June 3, 2021

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE REGARDING THE STATE WORKFORCE AND RETIRING EMPLOYEES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
- 2 to study the state workforce and retiring employees. Such study shall
- 3 include, but need not be limited to, an examination of adequate
- 4 succession planning for state employees in order to recruit and maintain
- 5 the best talent in the state workforce, as well as a review of barriers to
- 6 managerial recruitment.
- 7 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
- 8 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
- 9 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
- 10 relating to labor and public employees;
- 11 (2) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
- 12 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

- 13 relating to government administration and elections;
- 14 (3) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 15 (4) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 16 (5) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of 17 Representatives;
- 18 (6) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 19 (7) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of 20 Representatives;
- 21 (8) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and
- 22 (9) Four appointed by the chairpersons of the task force, one of whom
- shall be an executive branch employee in the MP pay plan, one of whom
- shall be a judicial employee in the MP pay plan, one of whom shall be a
- 25 higher education employee in the MP pay plan and one of whom shall
- 26 represent an organization that advocates for the rights of managerial
- 27 employees in the state.
- 28 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (3),
- 29 (4), (5), (6), (7) or (8) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
- of the General Assembly.
- 31 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
- 32 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
- 33 be filled by the appointing authority.
- 34 (e) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
- 35 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public
- 36 employees shall be the chairpersons of the task force. Such chairpersons
- 37 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
- 38 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.
- 39 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the

General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

- (g) (1) Not later than January 1, 2022, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees and government administration and elections, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
- (2) The report submitted pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection shall include, but not be limited to, a review of: (A) The number of managerial and exempt employees who are eligible to retire from the convening of the task force through the end of calendar year 2022, (B) succession planning of executive branch agencies in preparation for retirements, and (C) barriers to recruitment into the managerial and exempt workforce including, but not limited to, (i) parity in pay structure compared to employees in collective bargaining units, (ii) parity in health care insurance contributions compared to employees in collective bargaining units, (iii) salary compression and inversion among managerial employees and employees in collective bargaining units, and (iv) opportunities for professional development and continuing education.
- (3) The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2022, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	from passage	New section

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill establishes a twenty-member task force to study the state workforce and retiring state employees. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of adequate succession planning for state employees in order to recruit and maintain the best talent in the state workforce, as well as a review of barriers to managerial recruitment.

Not later than January 1, 2022, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees and government administration and elections, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2022, whichever is later.

This bill has no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for task force members.

House "A" alters the membership of the task force and results in no fiscal impact.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

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OLR Bill Analysis sHB 6381 (as amended by House "A")

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Yea 9 Nay 4 (02/18/2021)